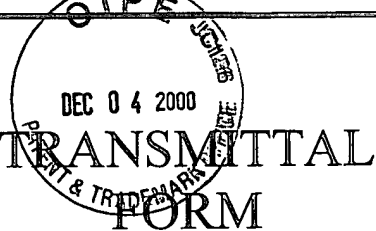
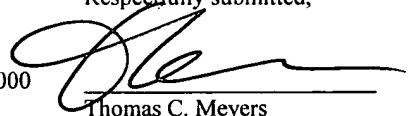


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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above-identified application, as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel pending claims 4-5 and 9-10, without prejudice.

Please amend claims 1-3 and 6-8 as follows.

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1. (Amended) [Use for data storage of a magnetic recording medium, which includes a] A data storage medium comprising a magnetizable layer, wherein said magnetizable layer comprises a plurality of substantially uniformly spaced apart ferromagnetic particles[, each having a largest dimension no greater than 100nm, and each of which particles represents a separate ferromagnetic domain, and wherein, in the process for making the magnetic recording medium the ferromagnetic particles are encased, or partially encased within an organic molecule] and a coating surrounding each of said particles.
  2. (Amended) [Use] The medium according to claim 1, wherein the distance between adjacent ferromagnetic particles [domains] is at least about 2nm.
  3. (Amended) [Use] The medium according to claim 1 [or 2], wherein the distance between adjacent ferromagnetic particles [domains] is no greater than about 10nm.

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